

MICH. CROP OUTLOOK

Pasture Good Throughout the State—Hay and Forage

OATS AVERAGE 35 BUSHELLS

Average Apple Crop—Sugar Beets Looking Fine.

Lansing, Mich., August 7, 1914.

Average estimated yield of wheat per acre in the state is 18.67, in the southern counties 18.58, in the central counties 20.23, in the northern counties 16.66 and in the Upper Peninsula 24.42 bushels. A large percentage of the Crop Correspondents throughout the state report wheat of good quality, some counties in the southwestern portion of the state report considerable damage by the Hessian fly. The estimates at present indicate that the state yield will be very close to 13,500,000 bushels. The per cent. of plowing done for wheat is 11 in the state, 10 in the southern counties, 15 in the central counties, 12 in the northern counties and 9 in the Upper Peninsula.

The total number of bushels of wheat marketed by farmers in July at 66 mills is 76,701 and at 67 elevators and to grain dealers 125,573 or a total of 202,274 bushels. The estimate of wheat marketed by farmers for the twelve months, August-July, indicates that about 2,000,000 bushels are yet in possession of the growers. One hundred and thirty-three mills, elevators and grain dealers report no wheat marketed in July.

Average estimated yield of rye in the state is 15.33, in the southern counties 15.71, in the central counties 15.43, in the northern counties 14.77 and in the Upper Peninsula 23.36 bu. per acre. According to the above estimate the state yield should be about 5,750,000 bushels.

The condition of corn as compared with an average is 89 in the state, 87 in the southern counties, 93 in the central counties, 91 in the northern counties and 96 in the Upper Peninsula. The condition one year ago was 87 in the state, 83 in the southern counties, 92 in the central counties, 90 in the northern counties and 89 in the Upper Peninsula.

The estimated average yield of oats in the state is 35.06, in the southern counties 34.26, in the central counties 34.35, in the northern counties 35.88 and in the Upper Peninsula 43 bushels per acre. The above estimate indicates that the state yield will exceed 55,000,000 bushels.

The condition of potatoes as compared with an average is 88 in the state, 84 in the southern counties, 91 in the central and northern counties and 100 in the Upper Peninsula. The condition one year ago was 80 in the state, 71 in the southern counties, 86 in the central counties, 90 in the northern counties and 95 in the Upper Peninsula.

The condition of beans compared with an average per cent. is 88 in the state and southern counties, 89 in the central and northern counties and 95 in the Upper Peninsula. The condition one year ago was 87 in the state, 81 in the southern counties, 94 in the central counties, 90 in the northern counties and 96 in the Upper Peninsula.

The condition of sugar beets as compared with an average is 88 in the state, 93 in the southern counties, 82 in the central and northern counties, and 100 in the Upper Peninsula. The condition one year ago was 89 in the state, 87 in the southern and northern counties, 90 in the central counties and 97 in the Upper Peninsula.

The yield per acre of hay and forage in tons is 1.28 in the State, 1.26 in the southern counties, 1.36 in the central counties, 1.22 in the northern counties and 1.29 in the Upper Peninsula. One year ago the yield was 0.98 in the State, 0.95 in the southern counties, 0.94 in the central counties, 0.97 in the northern counties and 1.41 in the Upper Peninsula.

The condition of pasture as compared with an average is 85 in the state, 79 in the southern counties, 93 in the central counties, 88 in the northern counties and 100 in the Upper Peninsula. One year ago the condition was 73 in the state, 64 in the southern counties, 77 in the central counties, 84 in the northern counties and 98 in the Upper Peninsula.

As a result of more thorough spraying than in former years and a fairly favorable season the apple crop promises to be considerably above the average, both in quantity and quality. The prospect for an average crop is 71 in the state, 63 in the southern counties, 73 in the central counties, 80 in the northern counties, and 88 in the Upper Peninsula. One year ago the average was 58 in the state, 47 in the southern counties, 61 in the central counties, 59 in the northern counties, and 91 in the Upper Peninsula. The state average for five years, from 1909 to 1913 inclusive was 48. The winter varieties that promise best, are in their order: Baldwin, Northern Spy, Ben Davis, Greening, Wagner, Tolman Sweet, Tompkins King and Russet. Of the early sorts the most promising are Duchess, Wealthy, Fameuse, Red Astrachan, Yellow Transparent, Maiden Blush, Early Harvest and Fall Pippin.

In many localities the peach buds started during the warm weather in January and were severely injured by frost in February, March and April and again by a late frost in June. The prospect for an average crop of peaches in the state is 34 and in the Michigan Fruit Belt 42 per cent. One year ago the prospect was 53 for the state and 54 for the Fruit Belt. The State and Michigan Fruit Belt average for five years, from 1909 to 1913 inclusive was 51 and 54 respectively. The varieties that promise best, are in their order: Elberta, Gold Drop, New Prolific, Kalamazoo, Engle's Mammoth, Early Michigan, Barnard and Hill's Chili.

FREDERICK C. MARTINDALE, Secretary of State.

PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE.

To the Qualified Voters of the City of Alma, Michigan:

You are hereby notified that a General Primary Election will be held in the city of Alma on Tuesday the 25th day of August, 1914, for all political parties, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various state and county offices, also delegates to the county convention. The polls of said election will be held in the following designated places:

First Ward—City Hall.

Second Ward—Ladies' Reading Room, Hor & Gibbs building.

Third Ward—Vacant store room, Hotel Arcadia.

Fourth Ward—Edson Moore Co., Sample Room.

The polls of said election will be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon of the said 25th day of August, 1914, or as soon thereafter as may be, and will close at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

Dated, Alma, Mich., Aug. 5, 1914.

D. W. ADAMS, City Clerk.

Southeast Coe Items

Lee Leonard's little daughter is very sick with fever. Dr. Wheeler is attending her.

Merritt Leonard and wife took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Anson Davenport, near St. Louis.

Miss Alice Seares of Greenville visited at the home of Miller Hopkins from Saturday to Monday.

Grover Yarnall with his wife and two children of Alma, visited their sister, Mrs. Pearl Leonard and family Sunday.

Mrs. Raymond Leonard and children of Riverdale visited at the home of Mrs. Leonard's parents several days last week.

Miss Lela Gimney of Mt. Pleasant came Wednesday of last week to visit her aunt, Ada Leonard and family, and Monday she went to visit her uncle, George Culver, and other friends.

Mrs. M. Ward went to Chicago Friday of last week where she expects to meet a brother from Arizona and one from Iowa. From there they will go to southern Indiana for a visit with their mother and other relatives and from there Mrs. Ward will visit her old home friends in Champagne, Ill., before coming home.

Summer Coughs Are Dangerous

Summer colds are dangerous. They indicate low vitality and often lead to serious Throat and Lung Troubles, including Consumption. Dr. King's New Discovery will relieve the cough or cold promptly and prevent complications. It is soothing and antiseptic and makes you feel better at once. To delay is dangerous—get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery at once. Money back if not satisfied. 50c. and \$1.00 bottles at your Druggist.

Elm Hall NewsItems

Mrs. Sarah Gifford is visiting in Midland county.

Miss Greta Hoxie is taking an outing at Crystal Lake.

Eddie Smith was home from Shepherd Saturday night and Sunday.

Logan Sly and wife of Big Rapids are visiting his parents, O. H. Sly and wife.

Howard Donshee of McBain visited his grandmother, Mrs. C. D. Hills, last week.

Mrs. Albert Morton is entertaining her niece, Miss Carrie Duell, of Grand Ledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brewer of Shepherd spent Saturday night and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. T. Bardwell.

Mrs. Ida Hills and son, Kenneth, of Alma, spent Wednesday night and Thursday with her parents, A. E. Winter and wife.

Frank Clapper and wife are entertaining their brother-in-law, Mr. McQuimston and family of Pittsburg, Pa., who came through in their auto.

Mrs. Sarah Davis returned home Tuesday evening from Painesville, O., where she has been the past five weeks caring for her daughter, who has been very sick.

James Fisher and sons, Harry and Carl, and Delbert Hicks and Frank Duford autoed to Saginaw Thursday and attended the ball game between Detroit and Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Eckert returned Friday evening from Detroit where they had spent the week attending the blue ribbon races.

IT'S TERRIBLY HOT

But it won't be next winter. OUR COAL will be though—that's what you will need next winter

"In time of feast prepare for famine."

"In time of heat prepare for cold."

Every fall there has been a scarcity of hard coal and many people have not been able to secure coal when they needed it. This year don't wait. Place your order now with us. We have plenty of HARD COAL on hand and several cars in transit. Many dealers all over the country are now charging winter rates for coal, but we are charging summer rates for a short time, and advise our customers who can do so to place their orders with us NOW for their winter's supply.

You'll Save Money By Ordering Now.

HOME LUMBER & FUEL COMPANY

ALMA,

"We are not satisfied, unless you are."

MICHIGAN

St. Louis News Items

Miss Marie Ingersoll is visiting in Rose City.

Miss Minnie Lamphier is sick with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Grant L. Brewer returned Saturday from a visit in Cadillac.

Miss Esther Lettick is visiting her sister in Grand Ledge this week.

John Miner was in Elwell Friday

looking after his cheese factory.

The annual M. E. Sunday school picnic was held at Shook's Grove Friday.

Mrs. Fred Hamlin and son, Maurice, are spending a vacation in Benton Harbor.

Ray Fulcher returned Saturday from his work in Wisconsin, to visit with his parents.

H. H. Fulcher was in Chicago and Grand Rapids on business the latter

part of the week.

Miss Helen Bonwell, who has been a guest at the Pack House for the past few weeks, returned Saturday to Detroit.

Mrs. Orin Feighner and children of Cleveland, Ohio, who have been guests of Fred Stockburger and family, returned home Saturday.

The Misses Norma and Rhea Morin of Detroit are visiting relatives in St. Louis and will return home this week

accompanied by Miss Ole Stockburger.

Miss Helen Kneeland spent the past week with St. Louis friends and accompanied by her father, F. G. Kneeland went to their home in Ann Arbor Saturday.

Lewis Lowry has gone to Holland to accept the position of head chemist at the Holland branch of the Holland St. Louis Sugar Company. Mr. Lowry is a graduate of St. Louis High and of M. A. C. and has given satis-

factory and efficient work during his career with the St. Louis factory.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Mrs. Billy Barker or (Barber). George W. Rock.

Mr. L. C. Slay.

The above if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter Office August 24th, 1914.

V. P. CASH, Postmaster.

SOMETHING NEW

Gratiot County Sunday School TENTH ANNUAL EXCURSION

WED. AUGUST 19

TO

DETROIT, Whitmore Lake and Ann Arbor

Via. ANN ARBOR RAILROAD

\$1.50 ROUND TRIP \$1.50

Children over 5 and under 12 years 75c

TRAIN SCHEDULE

Leave Forest Hill	5:15 a. m.	Leave Bannister	6:20 a. m.
" Alma	5:30 a. m.	" Elsie	6:39 a. m.
" Ithaca	5:45 a. m.	Arrive Whitmore Lake	9:02 a. m.
" North Star	5:57 a. m.	" Ann Arbor	9:25 a. m.
" Ashley	6:10 a. m.	" DETROIT	11:45 a. m.

RETURNING, Leave Detroit (D. T. & I.) 6:00 p. m., Ann Arbor 8:20, Whitmore Lake 8:45

Delightful Ride on Detroit River to the World Famous Belle Isle

Band Concert, Canoeing, Rowing, Bathing